

Genesis 22: 1 -24

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## Reflection of the Heart:

Spend a moment reading and responding to the questions below. You will not have to share your answers, unless you'd like to.

1. Are you the type of person that likes or dislikes most rules? (Circle one)                      likes                      dislikes

2. What rules do you have the most trouble obeying? Why?

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3. What would happen if suddenly all the laws and rules the country has set in place were done away with?

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4. Do you think some rules are necessary?                      Yes                      No

5. Your family have probably made great sacrifices for you. What does this mean?

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6. Think of your most prized material possession. What is it?

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7. Would it be easy for you to give it up?                      Yes                      No

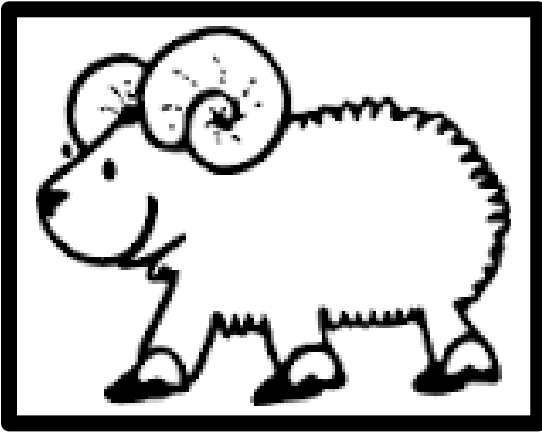
8. Have you ever had to make a personal sacrifice?                      Yes                      No

9. What was the circumstance regarding number 8?

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## GOD WILL PROVIDE...

CAST: Narrator 1-20, Abraham, Sarah, Isaac, God, Angel

Narrator 1: Abraham and Sarah dearly loved their new baby boy!

Narrator 2: What a miracle it was that they had given birth to a baby in their old age!

Narrator 3: But it should not have been surprising, for nothing is impossible for God!

Narrator 4: And God will always bless those who love him with all their hearts, minds, and souls!

Narrator 5: So when the baby was born, they were over the moon with joy!

Narrator 6: They cuddled with him and wrapped his tiny little hand around their fingers.

Sarah: Oh, Abraham! He is beautiful! Isn't he? Have you ever seen such a gorgeous baby boy?

Abraham: He is perfect. He is a gift to us from God, Himself!

Sarah: Yes, Abraham. All babies are gifts from God...but this one, who knew...in our old age!

Abraham: Yes, my dear. We are no spring chickens! And here we are...with a baby. A baby that we had wanted...our hearts' desire!

Sarah: God has been so good to us!

Abraham: Yes, He has!

Narrator 7: They laughed when they saw the baby smile for the first time.

Narrator 8: And when he spoke his first words....oh my....they were thrilled!

Narrator 9: Baby Isaac was certainly the joy of their lives.

Narrator 10: And like most parents, they showered him with love.

Narrator 11: Before they knew it, time had passed, and Isaac had grown to be a young man.

Narrator 12: And what a young man he was. He was honest and filled with the love of God. His parents had raised him well.

Narrator 13: And of course his parents still adored him. As most parents do.

Narrator 14: Abraham spent a great deal of time with Isaac. Where one was, you could find the other.

Narrator 15: He taught Isaac all about God...how to love Him, how to honor Him, how to obey Him.

Narrator 16: He explained to Isaac what a great miracle God had done for them, and that a faith-filled person would always be blessed.

Abraham: Isaac, you are a special child. You had been promised to us by God. Do you understand how important that is? How miraculous?

Isaac: Yes, Father. I understand, and I am so grateful. God showed us great love.

Abraham: Oh, Isaac...yes! God IS Love!

Narrator 17: As Isaac grew, he learned to worship God just as his father Abraham did.

Narrator 18: One day, God spoke to Abraham.

God: A.....brah.....ham...

Narrator 19: called the great and powerful voice of the Almighty.

Abraham: I am here.

Narrator 20: Abraham replied.

God: Take your son Isaac, whom you love so much, and go to the land of Moriah, and offer him there as a sacrifice. I will tell you which mountain when you get there.

Narrator 1: Abraham could not believe what he had heard. He loved Isaac more than anything else in the world and would never do anything to hurt his son.

Narrator 2: But Abraham knew that he had to obey the voice of God.

Narrator 3: The day came, early one morning, when Abraham would fulfill his promise to obey God.

Narrator 4: He got up and put a saddle on his donkey.

Narrator 5: And he called for Isaac and two of his young servants.

Narrator 6: They all went together to chop wood for the sacrifice .

Narrator 7: Then they started on their journey toward the place where God had told Abraham to go.

Narrator 8: It took them a long time to travel there. Finally, Abraham looked into the distance and saw the place where God was leading them to.

Narrator 9: Abraham spoke to the servants.

Abraham: Stay with the donkey, while I take Isaac with me to go worship God.

Narrator 10: Abraham picked up the wood and held it out to Isaac to carry.

Narrator 11: Then he picked up his torch in one hand and his knife in the other. They began walking toward the mountain together.

Narrator 12: While they were walking, Isaac began to wonder about something.

Isaac: Dad, you have the wood. You have the fire. But we did not bring an animal. Don't we need a lamb for the sacrifice?

Narrator 13: Abraham, fully believing that God had everything under control, spoke quietly.

Abraham: Yes, Isaac. God will provide a lamb for the burnt offering.

Narrator 14: When they finally arrived at the exact place God had told him about, Abraham started looking for large rocks to construct the altar.

Narrator 15: Carefully, he placed one rock on top of another until the job was finally completed.

Narrator 16: Then, after looking around, one last time, had had to do the very hardest thing he had ever done in his whole life.

Narrator 17: He gave Isaac one last, long hug....and with tears in his eyes, he tied up his son and placed him on the altar.

Narrator 18: His son. The love of his life. The boy he had once held as a baby. He tied him up, and placed him on the altar.

Narrator 19: Or course, Isaac did not want to be sacrificed as a burnt offering, and of course...Abraham did not want to do it...but they both knew that they had to obey God, so there was no struggle between them. And Abraham still trusted God.

Narrator 20: Abraham picked up his knife...

Narrator 1: He raised it high in the air above his head....

Narrator 2: Just as he was getting ready to kill his own son, he heard the voice of the angel of the Lord cry out from Heaven.

Angel: ABRAHAM!! ABRAHAM!!!

Abraham: I am here.

Angel: Don't kill your son! Don't hurt him! For now I know that you trust God. You love God! You love Him more than anything else, and were willing to sacrifice your own son...whom you love with all your heart.

Narrator 3: Abraham looked up, and there---right in front of him---was a ram, caught in the thick bushes.

Narrator 4: A ram for the sacrifice!

Narrator 5: Abraham quickly untied Isaac and offered the ram as the sacrifice.

Narrator 6: There, on the mountain, Abraham and Isaac worshipped the Lord together. They named the place in which they stood a name which translated to, God is my provider.

Narrator 7: And it is true. God was their provider, just as he provides for you and me....and all of his children.

Narrator 8: The angel of the Lord called from Heaven to Abraham a second time.

Angel: Because you have done this, and trusted God....not withholding your son from him, you will be blessed. You will have many

descendants, and all the nations of the earth will be blessed because of you.

Narrator 9: Abraham and Isaac walked down the mountain together, rejoicing that the Lord had provided the ram and another great promise to them.

Narrator 10: They met the servants at the bottom of the mountain, and began their journey home.

Narrator 11: And the entire way home, and for the rest of their lives, they continued to trust, honor, respect, and obey God.

Narrator 12: Remember, we should always obey God and believe in Him to provide our needs.

Narrator 12: For it says in the Bible, in James 2:23, *Abraham believed God...and he was called the friend of God.*

Narrator 13: Don't you want to be called the friend of God as well?

Narrator 14: So make an effort to trust God....with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind.

Narrator 15: For he is a healer and deliverer. He will always love and take care of you, no matter what.

THE END.

## **Prayerfully Ponder:**

Abraham had faced many tests---he left his home for an unknown place and believed that God would one day give him a son. Now God commanded him to sacrifice that son. God was testing Abraham. He wanted to see if Abraham loved God more than his son. God also wanted to know whether Abraham truly believed God's covenant promise. Abraham did what God asked him to do. But God did not let him sacrifice his son. Abraham trusted God 100%. Pray that God will help you to trust him more and more each day.

**Why do you think so many people have trouble just letting go and completely trusting God?**

**Bible Workout**

Student \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

Answer each question completely. Make sure your answers show that you truly read carefully. If you need more paper, attach it to this sheet.

1. Read Luke 16: 10-12 : What is the main idea?

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2. Read Genesis 39: 2-4: Who was given a lot of responsibility because he trusted the Lord and proved himself to be trustworthy?

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3. In what do some people trust for their “salvation”? Read Psalm 20:7 for the answer.

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4. What happens if you try to trust yourself rather than God? Read Psalm 49: 13 – 15 for the answer.

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5. What does the Lord promise to do if you trust in him?  
Read Psalm 37: 3-6 for the answer.

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6. Proverbs 3 : 5- 6 *Trust in the Lord with all your heart*  
and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways  
acknowledge him, and he will make your paths straight.

A. In your own words, what does this mean?

B. Illustrate 3 : 5- 6







# Bible Workout... Grading Rubric

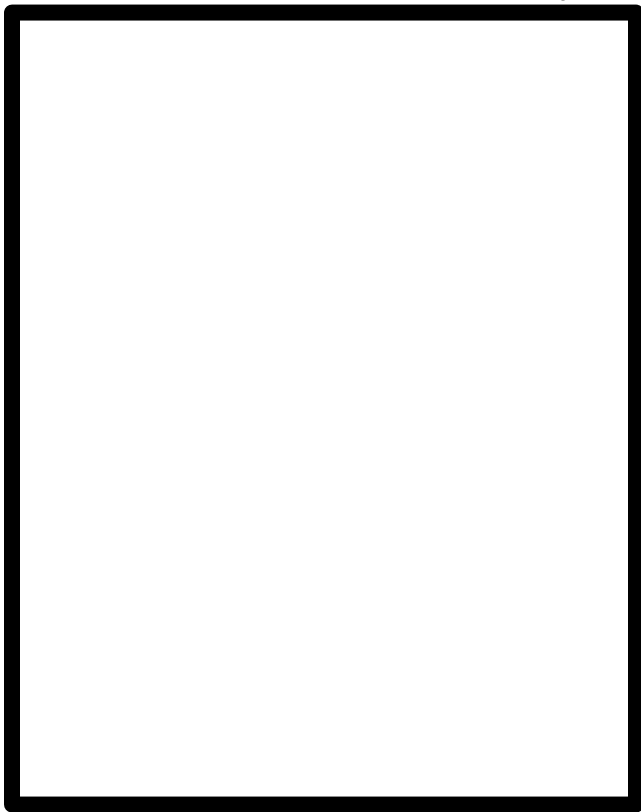
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**Task:** You've been learning about sacrifices, and the test God put Abraham to regarding his beloved son Isaac.

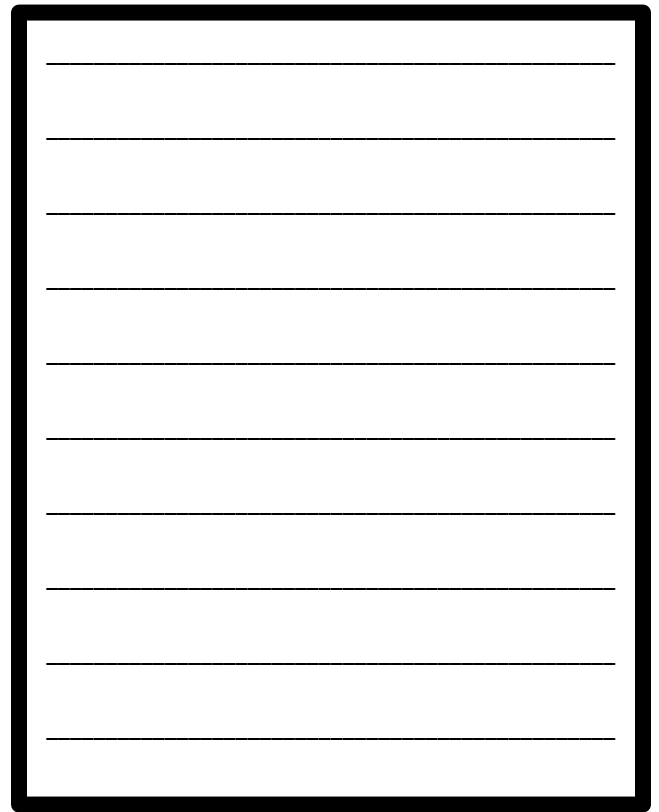
	25	20	15	10
<b>Answers</b> -Accuracy -Displayed comprehension of question -overall effort -neatly written -proverb illustrated and colorful -illustration effort	Outstanding!	Good	Satisfactory	Needs improvement
<b>Conventions</b> -spelling -punctuation -capitalization -grammar -syntax	No errors	Few errors, all of which are grade-level appropriate	Contained errors which are not grade-level appropriate	Excessive errors indicate that this student needs to take more time with his/her work and/or proofreading process
<b>Writing Content</b> -overall quality -overall effort -clarity -word usage -fluency	Outstanding!	Good	Satisfactory	Needs improvement
<b>Work Ethic</b> -followed all directions -turned in on time - on task -put best effort into assignment	Outstanding!	Good	Satisfactory	Needs improvement

**Music Link:** Listen to this song, *Trust in You* by Lauren Daigle. Listen carefully to the words. In the first box, draw a picture inspired by the song. It does not have to be complicated. After the song has finished, write what you think the *theme* is. What message did Lauren Daigle want to deliver to you?

***Doo Doo Doodle-y Doo***



***Theme***



Read Genesis 22: 1 -24

**How does this apply to the Lauren Daigle song you heard?**

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# Teacher Notes:

## **Reflection of the Heart:**

These are typically yes or no questions the students answer prior to the lesson. This lesson contains questions that the students must answer as well. Because they are personal, it is important that the students understand that they do not have to share their answers unless they want to. Most of the students, usually are willing to share their answers, and a good classroom discussion is generated. Most of the questions will be opinion questions, but all answers help to generate discussion.

To set the reflection of the heart mood- play soft instrumental music. (Easily found on You-Tube. I use meditation music a lot.)

**Readers' Theater:** Instead of reading directly from the Bible, I like to do a readers' theater first, as it gets the students involved.

## **Bible Workout:**

This is generally for older students. If your students can complete it, wonderful! It's really important to get them to use their Bibles! Hopefully they all have one! If you want to grade this, I gave you a rubric to do so.

## **Music Link:**

**You must show Lauren Daigle's video to** the students. It's really good to have a visual. (Trust in You) It's on You-Tube. You can do a simple search for it. Prior to the video, hand out the worksheet and go over the directions regarding the Doodle, theme, and linking to Genesis, so your students will have a purpose while listening.

## Bible Workout Answer Key

2. Joseph

3. armies, weapons, chariots, horses, soldiers (Depending on the translation will be your answer. Check the Bible your students have)

4. death

5. protect you, give you your heart's desires, help you, give you justice

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# Chalkboard Blessings

From the time I was five-years old, God placed the desire to teach upon my heart. Due to this, I knew that I needed to teach in a Christ-centered school. Upon graduating from college, that is just what happened. I have been teaching for approximately twenty-years. Along the way, my faith journey has evolved. And as it has deepened, it has made me a better teacher. I learned that no matter what subject a teacher teaches, it becomes more alive, more relevant, and more pleasing to God, when faith is a component.

Though I am a Middle-School Integrated Language Arts teacher, I incorporate faith into everything we do. Think about it, what makes us who we are? If someone were to walk into our classrooms, would they know we were a God school (as my son likes to call it)? If they didn't see the decorations, only watched you teach and interact with the students? Would they know?

Walk into my classroom now, and you'll know! If you go back a few years, I'm not so sure. Like I said, it's a journey! And some of us are further along on our journey than others, and that is okay!

God has now put it on my heart to start a TPT site specific for teachers that work in a "God" school / Christ-centered environment. I do have another site that has been successful, but this is specifically geared toward our faith-based schools.

The lessons are intended to be a blessing to your students and school community. The money made from Chalkboard Blessings is intended to be a blessing to others. Chalkboard Blessings plan is to give back to God and his people, academically and financially.

And so my goal, God's goal, is for you to get these materials and use them in your classroom. I hope it is a blessing to you and your students. I know it was for myself and my kiddos!

You see, God gives us talents. What we do with our talents?? That's our gift to God. So this site is my gift to God.

I hope Chalkboard Blessings continues to grow and grow so that it can touch many lives. The goal of many of the lessons is to connect the upper grade students and the lower grade students. You'll notice that in many of the packets, you have been given upper grade and lower grade resources. Please share it with your colleagues.

Should you have a topic that you want specific lessons for, contact Chalkboard Blessings. Lessons can be tailored to fit the needs of you and your students.

May God bless you and all those connected to you.

(Dana CB Founder)

